(d) how many more dealerships are proposed in Karnataka during the next five years to clear the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1.4.1995, 275 LPG distributorships were functioning in Karnataka.

(b) and (c) During the last 3 years, 49 LPG distributorships were given in Karnataka. Out of the above, 20 LPG distributorships were awarded through OSB, and 29 under discretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds.

(d) In addition to 22 LPG distributorships included to the LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94, 43 LPG distributorships have been included in the Marketing Plan 1994—96 for Karnataka.

Gas agencies in Himachal Pradesh

6255. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently allowed to open gas agencies and petrol pumps at some places in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, at which places indicating the names of the persons who have been allowed to run them;

(c) whether any applications for allotting such agencies were invited;

(d) whether any advertisements to invite such applications were also published;

(e) if so, on which dates and whether any interviews of the candidates were conducted; and

(f) if not, what are the reaons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (f) Two RO delearships, one each at Daman and Una, in Himachal Pradesh have been allotted through the process of advertisement of the locations and interviews of the candidates by the OSB held on April 29, 1994, and May 3, 1994, respectively.

In addition to the above, 10 LPG distributorships at the following locations have also been allotted without following the advertisement procedure:

1. Manali (Two)
2. Sujanpur Tihra
3. Nichar
4. Kandaghat
5. Udaipur
6. Baijnath
7. Bharmour
8. Ghumarvin
9. Mehatpur

Out of the above, one of the LPG distributorships at Manali has been allotted on compassionate grounds. This remaining 9 (nine) LPG distributorships have been allotted to Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation in public interest to conserve forests under the existing policy as these locations do not have adequate potential to sustain independent economically viable distributorships.

तेल शोधक कारखानों पर बकाया राशि

6256. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन और निर्यात करने वाले उद्यमों की भारी राशियां देश के तेलशोधक कारखानों पर बकाया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वित्तीय वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के अन्त में कुल कितनी राशि बकाया थी;

(ग) कौन-कौन से तेल शोधक कारखाने पूर्व निर्धारित शर्तों के अनुसार निर्धारित समयावधि के भीतर